
HOUSE BILL 2874

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By Representatives Ormsby and Wood; by request of Governor Gregoire

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding certain transportation benefit district
2 highway projects; amending RCW 82.14.0455; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 82.32 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.14.0455 and 2006 c 311 s 16 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the provisions in RCW 36.73.065, a transportation
8 benefit district under chapter 36.73 RCW may fix and impose a sales and
9 use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The tax
10 authorized in this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized
11 by law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the
12 state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any
13 taxable event within the boundaries of the district. The rate of tax
14 shall not exceed two-tenths of one percent of the selling price in the
15 case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use
16 tax. The tax may not be imposed for a period exceeding ten years.
17 This tax may be extended for a period not exceeding ten years with an
18 affirmative vote of the voters voting at the election. If the
19 transportation benefit district is located in a county that borders

1 another state and has a population of more than four hundred thousand,
2 and a portion of the sales tax is used to fund initial construction on
3 a highway of statewide significance within the county, the sales tax
4 may be imposed for more than ten years.

5 (2) Money received from the tax imposed under this section must be
6 spent in accordance with the requirements of chapter 36.73 RCW.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The tax imposed and collected under chapters 82.08 and 82.12
10 RCW, less any credits allowed under chapter 82.14 RCW, on initial
11 construction for a highway of statewide significance to be constructed
12 under chapter 36.73 RCW in a county that borders another state and has
13 a population of more than four hundred thousand, must be transferred to
14 the highway project to defray the costs or pay debt service on that
15 project. In the case of a toll project, this transfer or credit must
16 be used to lower the overall cost of the project and thereby the
17 corresponding tolls.

18 (2) This transaction is exempt from the requirements in RCW
19 43.135.035(4).

20 (3) Government entities constructing highway projects under chapter
21 36.73 RCW shall report to the department the amount of state sales or
22 use tax covered under this section.

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